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1. FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO YOUR HELPFUL COMMENTS REFTEL A.
2. ARTICLE I, PARA 1. CHANGE TO READ QUOTE THE ASSIGNED MISSION OF THE U.S. NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT NO. 3 (NAMRU-3), CAIRO, ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, IS TO CONDUCT BIO-MEDICAL RESEARCH ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. NAMRU-3 MAY ALSO PROVIDE
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RELATED TRAINING AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE STUDY OF LOCAL HEALTH PROBLEMS UNQUOTE. THE PROPOSALS IN PARAS 2 AND 5 OF REFTEL B REFLECTED OUR CONCERN THAT TRAINING AT NAMRU-3 NOT INTERFERE WITH ITS BASIC RESEARCH MISSION AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THAT THE TYPE OF TRAINING ACTUALLY CONDUCTED SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THAT REQUESTED FROM CONGRESS UNDER CURRENT SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY APPROPRIATIONS, TO

WIT: QUOTE TRAINING IN RESEARCH TECHNIQUES UNQUOTE. WE FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT OUR LATEST PROPOSALS FOR ARTICLES I AND VI WILL ADEQUATELY MEET THESE CONCERNS.

3. ARTICLE II, PARA 2. WE WOULD HOPE THAT IF WE HAD

SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT A NOMINEE FOR CO DIRECTOR, THE INFORMAL PROCEDURE WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL, BUT WE FEEL IT IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR THE EVENTUALITY WHEN SUCH INFORMAL MEASURES ARE UNSUCCESSFUL. IF THIS PROVES TO BE A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE, HOWEVER, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO WITHDRAW THE PROPOSAL OUTLINED PARA 4 REFTEL B.

4. ARTICLE VI, PARA 4: CHANGE TO READ QUOTE THE STAFF AND FACILITIES OF NAMRU-3 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PROVIDING TRAINING CONSISTENT WITH ITS RESEARCH MISSION TO SUITABLE NUMBERS OF PROPERLY QUALIFIED SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL AND PROFESSIONAL RESEARCHERS OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, AT NO COST TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. SUCH PERSONNEL SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF NAMRU-3 WHILE THEY ARE RECEIVING SUCH TRAINING AND WILL NOT BE PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNQUOTE.

5. ARTICLE VIII, PARA 4: WE APPRECIATE YOUR EXPLANATION. YOU SHOULD PROPOSE FOLLOWING CHANGE TO REFLECT YOUR EMENDATION QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ANY REQUIREMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT OR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR LICENSES OR PERMITS FOR THE PROCUREMENT, STORAGE, TRANSCONFIDENTIAL

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PORTATION AND USE OF SPECIAL RESEARCH AND DIAGNOSTIC MATERIALS, SUCH AS RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES, FOR THE OPERATION OF RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAMS OF NAMRU-3. RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS. THE USE, STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION OF SPECIAL RESEARCH AND DIAGNOSTIC MATERIALS IN THE OPERATION AND RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAMS OF NAMRU-3 SHALL CONFORM TO APPLICABLE DIRECTIVES AND REGULATIONS OF THE U.S. NAVY. UNQUOTE.

6. ARTICLE X: WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT BOTH ARABIC AND ENGLISH TEXTS SHOULD BE AUTHORITATIVE IN ORDER TO REFLECT THE EQUALLY SOVEREIGN STATUS OF THE PARTIES. IN THE EVENT THAT MFA IS INSISTENT, HOWEVER, YOU MAY SUGGEST DELETION OF ARTICLE. CHRISTOPHER

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